

**Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MADPH) Immunization
Requirement for 2020-2021 School Year**

Dear ELPS Families,

**The Health Services Department wanted to make you aware that there are
New Immunization requirements for the 2020-2021 school year.**

NEW: All children 6 months of age and older **must** receive the **Influenza (Flu) Vaccine** by **February 28, 2021 (changed by DPH on 2/22/2020)** to participate in school; whether receiving in-person or remote learning.

The only exemption to this requirement is a Medical Exemption signed annually by a physician
Or
a Religious Exemption signed annually by a parent/guardian.

Students entering **7th grade** must have a **TDAP vaccine**.

New : **7th graders** require a **Meningococcal vaccine**.

New for students entering **11th grade**, a **Meningococcal Booster** is required
on or after the 16th birthday.

Please schedule an appointment with your child's Primary Care Physician as soon as possible so that your child is in compliance with the MADPH requirements. If your child has already had the required immunizations, please forward to your child's school nurse as soon as possible.

We have set a deadline of **January 19, 2021 for TDAP and Meningococcal vaccine**.

Stay healthy and thank you for your attention to this matter,

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